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BALANCING CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS

ARTICLES & REPORTS



"National Security Councils: Their Potential Functions in Democratic Civil-Military Relations"

[Thomas C. Bruneau](#), et al. ***Defense & Security Analysis***, September 2009, 15 pages.

The authors analyze the potential functions of the national security councils (NSC) in democratic civil-military relations (CMR), focusing on whether an NSC can be a core element for democratic CMR in that it enhances civilian control and the effective implementation of roles and missions.

Full text currently available at:

http://www.ccmr.org/public/library_file_proxy.cfm/lid/5648



"U.S. Civil-Military Relations in the 21st Century"

Nathaniel C. Fick. *The Nimitz Lectureship Series*. April 26, 2010.

A strong relationship between civilian officials and senior military leaders is essential for sound policy-making and for U.S. security. Events of the past decade have strained that relationship, with some feeling that the military has become politicized and others lamenting a lack of informed civilian leadership. The author, Chief Operating Officer of the Center for a New American Security, examines the underlying principles and pragmatic guidelines for a healthy civil-military relationship.

Audio and video only; no transcript. Available online at: <http://www.uctv.tv/search-details.aspx?showID=18111> [56mins]

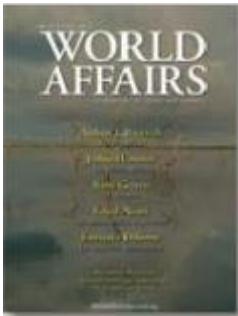
"Civil-Military Relations and the U.S. Strategy Deficit"

Mackubin T. Owens. Foreign Policy Research Institute, February 2010, 4 pages.

Is the issue of civilian control of the military really the primary focus of civil-military relations? The author, a professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval War College in Newport, examines why the current American civil-military framework fails to provide strategic guidance for integrating the operational level of war and national policy.

Full text currently available at:

<http://www.fpri.org/enotes/201002.owens.civilmilitaryrelations.html>



"War Games: Civil-Military Relations, c. 2030"

Raphael Cohen. *World Affairs*, March/April 2010, 5 pages.

The author, a U.S. Army Intelligence Officer, examines trends and challenges in civil-military relations, focusing on the gap between the military and the socially elite classes.

Full text currently available at:

<http://www.worldaffairsjournal.org/articles/2010-MarApr/full-Cohen-MA-2010.html>

WEB RESOURCES

The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR)

<http://www.ccmr.org>

Established at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1994, the Center for Civil-Military Relations provides graduate level education to foreign civilian and military participants through resident and nonresident courses. Its programs assist foreign nations in resolving civil-military issues resulting from defense transformation, stability and support operations, combating terrorism, and other security challenges.

Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS)

<http://www.ndu.edu/inss/>

The Institute for National Strategic Studies is a policy research and strategic gaming organization within the National Defense University serving the U.S. Department of Defense, its components, and interagency partners.

U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute (SSI)

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/>

The Strategic Studies Institute is the U.S. Army's institute for geostrategic and national security research and analysis. It conducts strategic research and analysis to support the U.S. Army War College curricula, provides direct analysis for Army and Department of Defense leadership, and serves as a bridge to the wider strategic community.

United States Institute for Peace (USIP)

<http://www.usip.org/issue-areas/civil-military-relations>

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan, national institution established and funded by Congress. Its goals are to help prevent and resolve violent international conflicts, promote post-conflict stability and democratic transformations, and increase peace-building capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide.

Center for a New American Security (CNAS)

<http://www.cnas.org/>

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